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B. STATE 236950 DTG 040032Z OCT 75

1. WE HAD OPPORTUNITY OCTOBER 10 TO LOOK OVER BUT NOT RETAIN COPY OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR GREECE-NATO RELATIONS NOW BEING DEVELOPED BY IS AND SECRETARY GENERAL'S OFFICE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SYG HAD NOT YET REVIEWED THIS DRAFT, BUT WHEN HE APPROVES IT IS WILL DISTRIBUTE DRAFT TO DPC REPS PROBABLY IN TIME FOR OCT 15 MEETING ON GREECE-NATO RELATIONS.

2. FOLLOWING IS OUTLINE BASED ON OUR NOTES, OF DRAFT AS IT NOW STANDS:

(1) POLITICAL GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED GREEK INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM INTEGRATED MILITARY ORGANIZATION IS A POLITICAL DECISION. IN DEALING WITH THIS MATTER EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO MINIMIZE POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS BY TREATING ISSUES WHERE POSSIBLE AT TECHNICAL AND MILITARY LEVELS.

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(2) DPC SHOULD DETERMINE ALL MAJOR POLICY QUESTIONS. DPC MAY WISH TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP UNDER THE SYG OR D/SYG TO CONDUCT ANY PART OF ITS SUPERVISORY ROLE.

MILITARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE REPRESENTED.

(3) TECHNICAL AND MILITARY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN APPROPRIATE FORUMS, DETERMINED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, USING EXISTING MACHINERY WHERE POSSIBLE. FOR EXAMPLE,

SUPERVISION OF TECHNICAL AND MILITARY ISSUES SHOULD BE EXERCISED BY SACEUR, WHO WILL KEEP MILITARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN INFORMED. ANY ADDITIONAL POLITICAL GUIDANCE SHOULD BE SOUGHT FROM DPC.

(4) IN PRINCIPLE, ALL NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AT NATO HEADQUARTERS AT EVERE.

(5) BROAD GUIDELINES:

(A) FIRST CONCERN SHOULD BE THE INTERESTS OF ALLIES MOST AFFECTED BY THE GREEK DECISION. THE PURPOSE SHOULD BE TO REDUCE, SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, WEAKENING EFFECT OF GREEK DECISIONS BOTH WITH REGARD TO MILITARY CONSEQUENCES AND IMPRESSION OF POLITICAL DISUNITY.

(B) THROUGHOUT NEGOTIATIONS THE AIM SHOULD BE TO PERMIT FULLEST POSSIBLE CONTINUED GREEK PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLIANCE.

(C) GREEK GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE GIVEN ALL NECESSARY TIME TO EXAMINE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY PARTICULAR DECISIONS. EXCEPT WHERE CONSIDERATIONS OF EFFECTIVE WORKING OF THE ALLIANCE ARE OVERRIDING, DEADLINES SHOULD BE AVOIDED. THE EXTENT TO WHICH GREEK NATIONAL INTERESTS ARE AT STAKE SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED TO GREEK GOVERNMENT.

(D) IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE 13 REACH PRIOR AGREEMENT AMONG THESELVES ON ALL ISSUES TO BE NEGOTIATED WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT. DPC WILL BE THE FORUM FOR WORKING OUT SUCH AGREEMENT ON BROAD POLICY AND RESOLVING ANY DIFFERENCES. ANY DIFFERENCES THAT EMERGE SHOULD BE REPORTED AT ONCE TO THE DPC.

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END OUTLINE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT POINT 4 IN DRAFT, WHICH STATES NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, WAS INCLUDED TO MEET POSITION OF DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM). THIS POINT IS APPARENTLY INTENDED TO PRECLUDE NEGOTIATIONS IN ATHENS, BUT NOT MILITARY AND TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS OUTSIDE OF NATO HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

4. WE BELIEVE PRESENT DRAFT MEETS BASIC REQUIREMENTS SPELLED OUT IN STATE 236950 (REF B). WE HOPE OTHERS WILL NOT ATTEMPT

EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS. TURKS, HOWEVER, MAY WELL QUARREL
WITH PARA (3), THOUGH LUNS' DIRECTOR DE CABINET, VAN CAMPEN,
HAS PROMISED TO ASK LUNS TO POINT OUT TO TURKISH PERMREP
PRACTICAL NECESSITY OF ENGAGING SACEUR IN DISCUSSION OF MANY
ISSUES; MOREOVER, PROMINENT RECOGNITION IN PARA 5(A)
OF TURKISH CONCERNS MAY PLACATE THEM.

5. WE WILL FORWARD FULL TEXT WHEN RECEIVED. STREATOR

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